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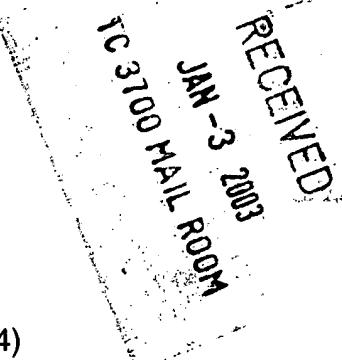
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Group Art Unit 3784
Examiner Stephen Choi
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Title: "Apparatus and Method for Conveying, Guiding and Locating a Thermoformable Web"

RESPONSE TO 11/25/02 OFFICE ACTION

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AMENDMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-18 and 23-28 without prejudice.

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated November 25, 2002, Applicant respectfully elects Group V, claims 29-31, drawn to an article severing device containing a knock lever mechanism, for examination herein, as shown in the following clean version of the entire set of pending claims, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(I). Cancel all previous versions of any pending claim.